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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**



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To: Marin County Clerk  
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**DATE:** August 19, 2025

**PROJECT TITLE:** SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – Marin Century 2025

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Stafford Lake Park; 3549 Novato Boulevard, Novato, Unincorporated Marin County, CA

**ASSESSOR'S PARCEL:** 125-090-19

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** The proposed project consists of granting a special use permit to Marin Cyclists for the Marin Century 2025 at Stafford Lake Park Area, occupying all reservable sites and all available parking. The event would occur on August 2, 2025 between 5am to 8pm. Set-up and take down would occur on July 31 and August 1 from 9am to 5pm and take down would occur on August 3 from 9am to 5pm. Approximately 1,750-2000 participants are anticipated, having registered in advance via an online system. The event would include amplified sound, the sale of food, drink or merchandise, and would include amenities set up outside a reservable group site.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin County Parks

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Chris Chamberlain, Director and General Manager

**Reasons for Exemption:** Marin County Parks has reviewed the special event permit application in the context of Stafford Lake Park and has determined that authorizing the permit the event is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

**Section 15323: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings.** The project consists issuing a special event permit at an existing facility for a public gathering. Stafford Lake Park was designed with reservable space for this type of event and there is a past history of this facility being used for this purpose. There is a reasonable expectation that this event would not represent a change in the operation of the facility and that the event would not result in cumulative impacts; significant impacts on the environment due to unusual circumstances; affect the significance of historical resources. The project is not located within an officially designated scenic highway or on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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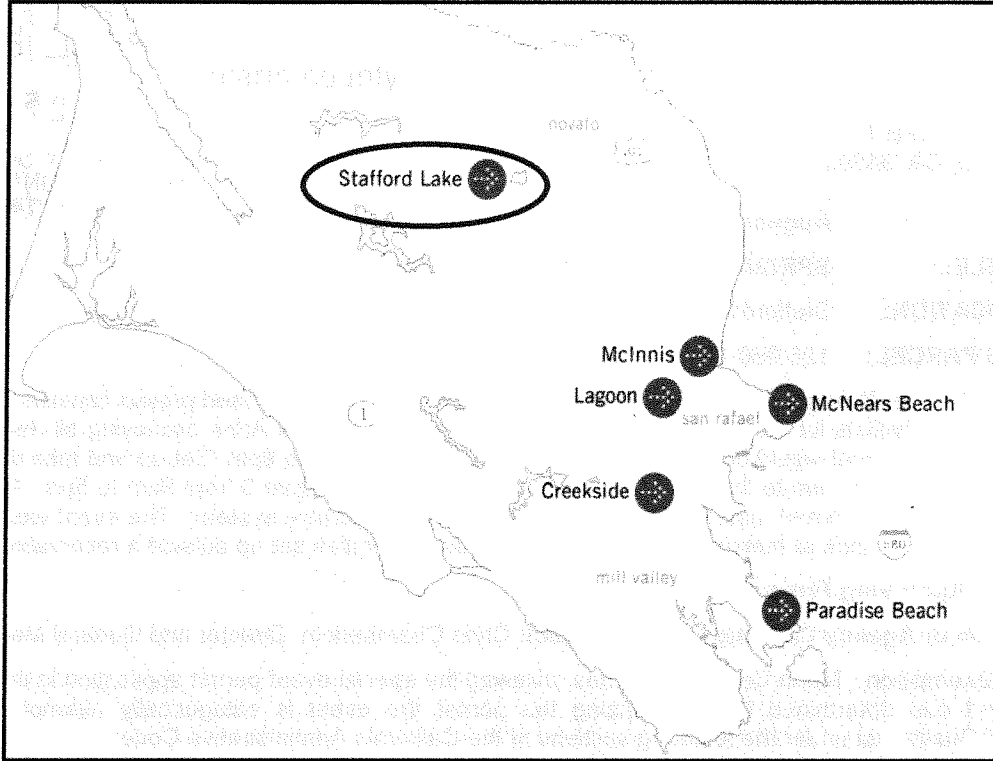
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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP**

**Stafford Lake Park – Marin Century 2025**

**August 19, 2025**



**County Park - Stafford Lake**

3549 Novato Blvd.  
Novato, CA 94947

From Highway 101, take San Marin Drive to Novato Blvd, to Novato Blvd/Hicks Valley Rd, then go west past the Stafford Lake Dam

